Early Greeks

* Originally the Greeks were not a united country but a collection of city states
* Share a common language; Greek
* One of the first Greek communities; Minoans
  + Live on island of Crete
  + Big on trade; trade on culture as well
  + Trading with everyone in the Mediterranean
* Greece- over 2000 islands, in addition to peninsula
* Sea- easy transportation, fish, easy to expand, links countries
* Land- mountainous, prevent over all unity
  + People in valleys members of city-states first and foremost
  + Affects economy- cannot farm
  + But it’s all good cause they trade for it
* Climate- warm
  + When you live by the beach, weather stays pretty temperate
  + Doesn’t change; stays in comfortable range
* Mycenaenes
  + 2000 BC
  + City of Mycia
  + Mountainous; by the sea
  + Temperate weather
  + Surrounded by really thick walls; warlike
  + Influence in surrounding city states; 1600BC-1100BC
  + Traders- Minoans are to~ war
    - Interacting a lot, sharing culture
  + Fight Troy
    - 10 year war-Trojan War
    - Trojan horse- battle caused by “Helen”
    - All written down in Iliad by Homer
  + Collapsed soon after war
* Dorian’s
  + Get these Epics such as Iliad; lots of the Greek myths
    - Myths are there to understand; nature, human emotion; personify emotions w/ Gods
      * Zeus
      * Poseidon
      * Athena